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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-51. (Cancelled)

1. ~~52.~~ (Currently amended) An oral brush ~~suitable for massaging the gums~~, comprising:
an elongated handle;
a head portion, sized for insertion into a human mouth, extending from an end of said handle;
a brush portion comprising
(a) at least one elastomeric element extending a sufficient distance from said head portion to contact one or more teeth ~~the interdental spaces~~, comprising a thermoplastic elastomer having a Shore A hardness of less than 55, said thermoplastic elastomer comprising a styrenic block copolymer, and
(b) a plurality of non-elastomeric bristles extending from said head portion, wherein said elastomeric element extends upwardly from said head portion in substantially the same direction as at least some of the non-elastomeric bristles to ~~simultaneously massage the gums and contact the interdental spaces~~.

2. ~~53.~~ (Previously presented) The oral brush of claim ~~52~~ wherein said elastomeric element is disposed along a longitudinal outer edge of the head portion.

3. ~~54.~~ (Previously presented) The oral brush of claim ~~53~~ wherein the oral brush includes at least two elastomeric elements, and one is disposed along each longitudinal outer edge of the head portion.

55-56. Cancelled.

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4. ~~51~~ (Previously presented) The oral brush of claim ~~52~~ wherein said elastomeric element extends upwardly at substantially the same angle as at least some of said non-elastomeric bristles.

58-60. Cancelled.